



Joint Fire Science Program

Research Supporting Sound Decisions

What Is a Roundtable?

Roundtables are facilitated, focused discussions among invited participants.

Why Are You Holding Roundtables?

The JFSP Board wants to increase the level of client involvement in identifying key information needs and potential solutions.

Who Participates?

Participants usually number less than 30 people.

The management community is represented by on-the-ground practitioners or managers who face implementation or policy issues. These clients help describe what needs to be done, how long it will take, who will use the final product, and how they will use the product.

The scientific community is represented by a cross-section of expertise in the topic or closely allied fields. Scientists help describe the current state-of-the-art knowledge, research in progress, and gaps or opportunities for future work.

Outcomes

Through roundtables we discover opportunities to summarize existing scientific knowledge. We then deliver the information in formats useful for implementers. The discussions also yield opportunities to answer new questions where information is lacking or not validated. The result is participant consensus that helps guide the development and prioritization of future JFSP sponsored lines of work.

Smoke Roundtable

Air quality regulations have changed. The smoke management roundtables will explore critical management needs from the perspective of incident commanders, wildland fire use managers, and prescribed burn practitioners. Also participating are state regulatory agencies and non-governmental organizations interested in fire and air quality issues.

The JFSP will develop a specific problem analysis that will inform the JFSP Governing Board's funding decisions and influence the scope, magnitude, and direction of JFSP activities for the next 3-5 years.

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